

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

November 20, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; OWEN DENNISON, Senior Planner; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2000, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL PRESENTION**  
Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW  
Temporary Closure for Pipeline  
Installation

Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator, reported that King County has requested a 31-day temporary closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW, 250 feet north of the Oakesdale Ave. SW and SW 43rd St. intersection. The closure is needed to facilitate the installation of a 108-inch diameter pipe across SW 43rd St. to make connection to the existing South Interceptor as part of the South Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.

Continuing, Mr. Zimmerman said that in addition to the closure, which will occur between November 24 and December 24, the contractor is requesting that he be allowed to concentrate the work over two successive weekends. The contractor is currently authorized to conduct all work during the week between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Mr. Zimmerman added that during construction, the contractor will keep two lanes of SW 43rd St. open at all times.

Tim Clark, King County Construction Manager, commented that the contractor has been flexible in working with King County to complete the construction with a minimum impact to residents and businesses in the area. He emphasized that the closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW is required primarily for safety reasons.

Paul Clements, Project Manager for the contractor Tri-State Construction, explained that the project involves installation of 11-foot diameter concrete pipe, which weighs 40 tons per section. The relative size of both the excavation and the machinery required to perform the work make it imperative that Oakesdale Ave. SW be closed. Mr. Clements advised that this would ensure both the safety of the project personnel as well the traveling public. In addition, the closure provides for a smooth passage of vehicular traffic past the work area.

Continuing, Mr. Clements stated that construction is proposed to begin on November 27th. He reviewed the proposed construction schedule, which includes weekend work, and described how the lanes would be adjusted to accommodate the various stages of construction. Pointing out that the plan is to cross SW 43rd St. in one weekend (the weekend of December 9th), Mr. Clements

added that he would like to reserve the following weekend just in case he runs into any unforeseen conditions.

Councilmembers expressed their concerns regarding the timing of the street closure during the holiday season, the effect of the closure on local businesses, traffic control issues, and the restoration of SW 43rd St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW to their original condition.

Leslie Rankin, King County Public Outreach, said that she is working on the community relations portion of the project. She reported that after talking with the merchants located near the construction area, she discovered that most businesses preferred that the work be completed as quickly as possible.

Responding to Council inquiry, Mr. Zimmerman confirmed that if Council agrees to the proposed construction schedule, there would be significant traffic backups during the weekends. He said that nighttime work would not be as problematic; however, the question remains whether to complete the project as quickly as possible or to stretch it out over a longer period of time.

Councilmembers discussed various alternatives to the proposed construction schedule. Responding to Council inquiry regarding being able to complete the work in one weekend if an additional day was added, Mr. Clements said the additional day would help, but completion of the project cannot be guaranteed due to unforeseen complications such as coming into contact with unlocated pipes.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, TO ALLOW THE KING COUNTY SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION PROJECT TO PROCEED IN THE AREA OF SW 43RD STREET ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2000, WITH A POSSIBLE HOLDOVER DAY TO THE 11TH WITH THE STIPULATIONS THAT TWO FULL LANES (24-FOOT WIDTH) REMAIN OPEN AT ALL TIMES, AND ALL WORK MUST STOP AT 5:00 A.M.; PENALTIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PERMIT; AND STAFF BE GIVEN DISCRETION TO ALLOW THE PROJECT TO CONTINUE A FEW EXTRA HOURS IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE COMPLETED. CARRIED.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that warning signage be posted on SR-167 to alert commuters if the project requires an extra day of work for it to be completed. (See page 411 for resolution.)

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Annexation: Knight, R-5 & R-8  
Zoning

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider R-5 (Residential Single Family; five dwelling units per acre) and R-8 (Residential Single Family; eight dwelling units per acre) zoning for the Knight Annexation; approximately 46 acres located between 144th and 148th Ave. SE from the city limits south to SE 132nd St., and between 146th Ave. SE and 148th Ave. SE from SE 132nd St. to SE 136th St; and two lots north of SE 129th St. and west of 144th Ave. SE.

Owen Dennison, Senior Planner, reported that subsequent to the public hearing on the 60% annexation petition on July 10th, the King County Boundary Review Board approved the proposed annexation on October 21st. He explained that tonight is the second public hearing on the proposed zoning for the annexation area. Describing the subject area, Mr. Dennison pointed out that site is partially developed with no significant environmental constraints.

Continuing, Mr. Dennison stated that existing zoning is designated Residential Rural and Residential Single Family under the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the existing King County zoning is R-4 (Industrial and Office). The proposed zoning for the Residential Rural designation is R-5, and R-8 is proposed for the Residential Single Family designation. Mr. Dennison concluded that staff recommends approval of the annexation and adoption of the R-5 and R-8 zoning which is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Map.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.** (See below for ordinances.)

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE ORDINANCES REGARDING THIS MATTER. CARRIED.**

Annexation: Knight, 144th Ave SE & SE 132nd St

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 46 acres located between 144th and 148th Ave. SE from the city limits south to SE 132nd St., and between 146th Ave. SE and 148th Ave. SE from SE 132nd St. to SE 136th St; and two lots north of SE 129th St. and west of 144th Ave. SE to the City of Renton (Knight Annexation). **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/04/00. CARRIED.**

Annexation: Knight, R-5 & R-8 Zoning

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification for the Knight Annexation area from R-4 (Industrial and Office; King County zoning) to R-5 (Residential Single Family; five dwelling units per acre) and R-8 (Residential Single Family; eight dwelling units per acre). **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/04/00. CARRIED.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* The City Clerk Division received numerous questions from citizens unsure where they were to vote on Election Day. Thanks to the Information Services Division, the information was easily obtained from a new voter application recently installed on the City's intranet.
- \* Recreation Manager Jerry Rerecich was appointed to the King County Council Active Sports and Youth Commission. The Commission's goal is to advise the Council on how best to address the shortage and maintenance of active recreation facilities in the area.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**  
Citizen Comment: Long –  
Conrad Short Plat, Modify  
Restrictive Covenants, SHP-  
99-093

John M. Long, 4310 Crystal Lane Loop SE, Puyallup, stated that he had signed an agreement to purchase lots in the Conrad Short Plat. Explaining that restrictive covenants placed on the short plat prohibits construction of dwellings more than one story in height, Mr. Long proposed the construction of a "story and a half" dwelling which would add two upstairs rooms but not alter the outside design of the house. Mr. Long asked if he could submit plans for this type of dwelling to the Council for consideration. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler said the one-story restriction was implemented so that new dwellings would be compatible with existing houses in the neighborhood.

Citizen Comment: Giuliani –  
Renton Airport

John Giuliani, 1400 S. 7th St., Renton, 98055, brought to the Council's attention an article from *The News Tribune* regarding City airfields. Expressing his concerns regarding the potential growth of the Renton Airport, Mr. Giuliani urged Council to inform citizens of the happenings at the airport. He also asked whether the City could repay the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the grants it has received in order for Renton to have more decision making power with regards to the airport.

Council President Corman requested that copies of the newspaper article be distributed to the Mayor and Council. He explained that the City has control of the property surrounding the airport, but the airfield and the tower is under the control of the FAA.

Mayor Tanner commented that at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4th, the subject of Aeropacific Aviation's request to operate an aircraft charter at the airport will be discussed. He expressed his concerns regarding the growth of aviation, and reiterated his fear that the Renton Airport will become another Boeing Field. In regards to paying back the FAA, Mayor Tanner explained that it is not possible because when the airport was purchased, the City signed covenants with the federal government agreeing that the airport would be used as a general aviation reliever airport.

Council President Corman said that he would reserve a portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting for public comment; however, if more time was needed, he recommended that public comment regarding this matter be carried over into the Council meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

CAG: 00-150, Carco Theater  
Carpet Replacement, Decor  
Carpet One

City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/15/2000 for CAG-00-150, Carpet Replacement at Carco Theater; three bids; project estimate \$19,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder in the amount of \$15,901.41 (includes base bid plus alternate #1). Council concur.

Vacation: St. Anthony, Alley  
Between Whitworth &  
Shattuck, North of S 4th St  
(VAC-00-001)

City Clerk reported receipt of \$27,500 compensation paid by petitioner, as set by Council on 10/9/2000, and recommended adoption of an ordinance to finalize the St. Anthony Parish vacation of an alley located north of S. 4th St. between Whitworth and Shattuck Avenues S.; VAC-00-001. Council concur. (See page 412 for ordinance.)

Planning: Renton Village  
Properties Request for  
Comprehensive Plan  
Amendment

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted a letter from Michael Sandorffy of Renton Village Properties, requesting a change in the Comprehensive Plan Designation from Employment Area Commercial with Commercial Arterial zoning to Center Downtown Designation with Center Downtown zoning. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Planning: Commercial Office  
Residential 2 Zone Moratorium  
(Port Quendall)

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested approval to set a public hearing on December 4, 2000, to consider extending the COR 2 zone moratorium regarding acceptance and processing of development applications. Council concur.

Planning: Commercial Office

Legal Department requested approval to delete the requirement that abutting and

Residential 2 Zone Site Plan Requirements

contiguous properties in the COR 2 zone be included in any Level II site plan, and the requirement that the site plan be signed by all owners of those parcels. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Public Works: NE 9th St/Monroe Ave NE Storm System Replacement Project, Gray & Osborne

Surface Water Utility Division requested approval of a contract in the amount of \$136,743 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the final design of the NE 9th St. and Monroe Ave. NE Storm System Replacement Project. Council concur.

Public Works: Maplewood Area Flood Hazard

Surface Water Utility Division requested approval to take immediate and long-term actions to address potential flood hazards in the Maplewood Area as identified in the preliminary floodplain mapping of the Cedar River. Refer to Utilities Committee.

**Added item 8.h.**

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW  
Temporary Closure for Sewer Pipe Installation

Development Services Division requested authorization for a one-month temporary closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW, 250 feet north of the Oakesdale Ave. SW and SW 43rd St. intersection for the installation of a 108-inch diameter pipe for the King County South Interceptor Project. Council concur. (See later this page for resolution.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ADDED ITEM h., PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee of the Whole**

Council: 2001 Legislative Priorities

Council President Corman presented a report recommending that Council approve the following Legislative priorities for the 2001 Legislative Session: Transportation Funding, Economic Development Tools, Municipal Finance, Protection of Water Rights, ESA/Shorelines, Court Reform, Criminal Justice, Electric Utility Restructuring, Telecommunications and Public Right-of-Way, Liability Reform, Zoning Authority, and the Building for the Arts Capital Fund. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Regional Issues: Human Services Round Table, Recognition of Renton's Commitment

Councilmember Nelson presented Mayor Tanner with a plaque from the Human Services Round Table in recognition of the City of Renton's commitment to regional human services matters over the past 12 years. She explained that the Round Table will no longer be in operation and the City will now be a part of the South County Council.

**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 187398 – 187802, and one wire transfer totaling \$2,072,698.16; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 28691 – 28924 and 522 direct deposits totaling \$994,781.56. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #3477**

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW  
Temporary Closure for Sewer Pipe Installation

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary partial closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW, for a period of approximately 31 days, for installation of 108-inch diameter pipe for the King County South Interceptor Project. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 12/04/00 for second and final reading:

Finance: 2000 Solid Waste Ordinance

An ordinance was read adding to and amending Sections 8-1-9.A, 8-1-9.B and 8-1-9.C of Chapter 1, Garbage, of Title VIII (Health & Sanitation) of City Code related to year 2000 services and utility rates for all customer classes. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/04/00. CARRIED.

Vacation: St. Anthony Parish, Alley Between Whitworth & Shattuck, North of S 4th St (VAC-00-001)

An ordinance was read vacating an alley, located north of S. 4th St. and Between Whitworth and Shattuck Avenues S. (St. Anthony Parish; VAC-00-001). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/04/00. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #4870**  
Budget: 2001 City of Renton

An ordinance was read adopting the City of Renton annual budget for the year 2001 in the total amount of \$128,379.675. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4871**  
Finance: 2001 Solid Waste Rates

An ordinance was read adding to and amending Sections 8-1-9.A, 8-1-9.B and 8-1-9.C of Chapter 1, Garbage, and Section 8-4-31.C.1 of Chapter 4, Water, of Title VIII (Health & Sanitation) of City Code related to year 2001 utility rates for all customer classes. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4872**  
Utility: Utility Systems Development Connection Charges Fee Schedule

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-180.I of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by changing the fee schedule for Utility System Development Charges. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4873**  
Utility: Utility Tax, Gross Income Definition

An ordinance was read readopting a portion of Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by adding a new section entitled "Definition of Gross Income." MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4874**  
Parks: Community Services Dept Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 5, Community Services Department, of Title III (Departments) of City Code by establishing the Community Services Department and Divisions and duties thereof. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Police: Griffin Home Supervision

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler referred to a letter from Barbara Smith, 1308 N. 26th St. Renton, 98056, in which she inquired about the nature of the changes occurring at the Griffin Home located on Lake Washington Blvd. Ms. Keolker-Wheeler asked if anyone was aware of any action being taken on the subject

property. Mayor Tanner and Councilperson Nelson reported that they are not aware of any changes being made at the Griffin Home.

Board/Commission:  
Applications to Council  
Position Candidates

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that applications for service on boards and commissions be sent to all candidates who interviewed for the open Council seat and are not already serving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.  
CARRIED. Time: 9:43 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
November 20, 2000